Land Use Survey

This section of the report will present information, both quantitative and qualitative, of existing land development. The compilation and analyzation of data such as this is necessary before a future land use plan can be prepared. Obviously, a plan cannot be arbitrarily "pulled out of the air". It must be based on concrete information and a logical analysis of this information. The land use survey and analysis provide this base by disclosing information which may be used in identifying patterns of growth, revealing development problems, and establishing guidelines for the future.

The land use survey is the process of gathering information about the community. The Stantonsburg land use survey was initiated in the Spring of 1964, and involved several steps in its completion. First, base maps with street and lot lines were obtained so that data could be recorded on them in the field. Second, a field survey was undertaken which involved riding the entire town and surrounding outside area to record on the maps information such as types and location of land use, condition of structures and roads, development problems, topography and conditions affecting community growth. Third, this data was transposed onto base maps for the purpose of statistical land use analysis.

Land Use Classification

Since the land use survey and analysis serves as the foundation for all land planning work, existing development in Town and the surrounding one-half mile area was classified into various categories for the purpose of study and simplification. Map No. 1, located on the following page, shows what each parcel of land in the Stantonsburg planning area is being used for. The following table shows the amount of land devoted to each specific use in the Town of Stantonsburg.